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In re Application of GERBLING et al  
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING  
MICROORGANISMS IN PRODUCTS

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DECISION

This is in response to applicants' 07 June 2001 reply to the Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) mailed 31 May 2001. The reply is being treated as a petition to accept the accompanying copy of a declaration as having been originally filed in December 2000. No petition fee is due.

### DISCUSSION


The original declaration filed 04 December 2000 has been received and placed in the application file.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition is DISMISSED AS MOOT.

The application has an International Filing Date of 10 May 1999 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of 04 December 2000.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

  
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